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Culturally Responsive Classroom Practices

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Core Practice: Core Practice: Get to know students and use that information to inform the classroom environment and instruction

KEY ACTIONS:

- Develop learner profiles for each student
- Conduct student interviews
- Student led conferences

Core Practice: Provide students opportunity to reflect on learning to inform their own learning and future approaches to social-emotional or academic learning in the classroom. Teacher leverages reflections and shares how he/she will implement changes in teaching and learning in the classroom.

KEY ACTIONS:

- Students set goals for their learning and record and reflect on their progress
- Host opportunities for reflection on metacognitive strategies and infuse the strategies into the classroom culture
- Teachers give constructive feedback to students and students give feedback to teachers

Core Practice: Build trust with students and families by expressing concern/care verbally and non-verbally practicing affirmation related to racial, cultural, gender, sexual orientation, or linguistic identity, and modeling vulnerability.

KEY ACTIONS:

- Provide ongoing communication with parents and share student strengths and successes
- Conduct student home visits
- Invite parents in to serve as content experts

Core Practice: Teachers plan for student to student interaction and broad based participating that ensures a balance of teacher and student voice

KEY ACTIONS:

- Teach students how to work in cooperative learning groups
- Give groups problems of practice
- Teach students to conduct Socratic seminars

Core Practice: Teachers provide opportunities for students to develop the knowledge skills, and values needed to become social critics who can make reflective decisions and implement their decisions in effective personal, social, political, and economic action

KEY ACTIONS:

- Students set goals for their learning and record and reflect on their progress
- Structure student collaboration to use varying knowledge and skills to solve complex problems